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NEW DEVELOPMENTS

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MAX ROBINSON: "A student leader accuses the Central Intelligence Agency of making threats in an effort to keep secret the CIA financing of the National Students Association. The charge comes from Phillip Werdale, editor of the student magazine, the Moderator.

"In another development, a House Subcommittee questions CIA Director Richard Helms. Afterward, the committee issued a statement praising the CIA for undercover financial aid to the students. The statement said the aid was given at the students' request to counter Communist attempts to take over foreign student organizations.

"Virginia Congressman Watkins Abbott, today called CIA funding of the National Student Association a bad investment.

"The Fourth District Congressman pictured the student association as one, quote 'which is openly and repeatedly attacked American interest.'

"Abbott said the CIA might have inquired as to why so many American colleges were either rejecting or withdrawing from the student association.

"Abbott said the CIA must improve its performance or Congress would demand greater scrutiny over where the appropriations go."

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